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1. At 1530 hours on 4 March a troop train with 18 T-34/85 tanks, 15 boxcars with equipment, and six trucks of the 25th Tank Division left the Oranienburg concentration camp and proceeded toward Sachsenhausen. Two additional troop trains with tanks and motor vehicles of this division were observed at the Oranienburg railroad station at 1700 hours on 4 March and 1130 hours on 5 March.¹
2. On 6 March, the southwest section of the Oranienburg concentration camp was occupied by about 500 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets.¹ VP men wearing blue uniforms were observed in another part of the camp.¹
3. On 2 March, a column of the 36th Pontoon Bridge Regiment of the GDFG with about 50 trucks and soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets, 20 pontoons and six motor boats left the Seeckt Kaserne in Magdeburg and proceeded through the Berliner Chaussee toward the East. Twenty-five flatcars and thirty boxcars were made available at the Friedrichstadt railroad station. A troop train with four medium AA guns, 15 trucks and one sedan was observed at the station at 1700 hours on 3 March. The train left toward Biederitz at 1740 hours.
4. On 2 March, a train bound for Magdeburg was loaded with 12 SP guns of the 136th Guards Heavy Tank and SP Regiment, 10 trucks and 120 soldiers.
5. A unit of the 20th AT Artillery Brigade from Brandenburg was entrained at the Neuhausenleben railroad station on 6 March. Forty trucks, 12 AT guns and 150 men were observed.

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1. Comment: Seven troop trains were dispatched from Oranienburg to Vogelsang between 2 and 5 March. Units of the 25th Tank Division which previously were stationed in the Oranienburg concentration camp were probably transferred to the Templin troop training grounds in order to make their quarters available for the KVP. The occupation of Oranienburg by the KVP had repeatedly been intimated. in 1952.

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